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SALE OF WEAPONS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to sell arms and weapons, warships and aircraft to foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of countries from which proposals for such purchases have been received so far; and

(d) the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b): Encouraging exports of defence products is an on-going exercise and Defence Public Sector Undertakings and Ordnance Factory Board are engaged in sale of defence products to countries like Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan etc. The Government, through Defence Public Sector Undertakings & Ordnance Factory Board, has exported defence products amounting to Rs.428.84 crores during the year 2006-2007.

(c)&(d) : During 2005-2007, proposals for possible purchase of defence products have been received from various countries like Indonesia, Chile, Nepal, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Israel, Algeria, Botswana, Kenya, Belgium, Cyprus, Turkey, Suriname etc. and these are examined and orders executed in consultation with the Defence Public Sector Undertakings and Ordnance Factory Board and Ministry of External Affairs.